

Minutes - UNBSU Council Meeting

UNB Student Union 2022/2023

February 5th, 2023; in-person meeting



Present:

- Kordell
- Rose
- Annie
- Halle May
- Isabella
- Amanda (Virtual)
- Ryan
- Warren
- Emily
- Keri (Virtual)
- Molly (Virtual)
- Ally (Virtual)
- Bradley (Virtual)
- Sean (Virtual)
- Jordan (Virtual)
- Kartik
- Zach (Virtual)
- Brittany (Virtual)
- Sangeet
- Amy (Virtual)
- Kate (Virtual)
- Gaia (Virtual)
- Heer
- Patrick (Virtual)
- Kisenge (Virtual)

Not Present:

- Minh

Regrets:

- Sarah
- Abby
- Alexa

Also present: Josh (Council Chairperson), Kallie (Council Secretary), Drashtant (CRO), Priyam (DCRO)

1. Call to Order

- Council chairperson, Josh, calls the meeting to order at 7:07 PM AST.

1.1 Roll Call

- Council chairperson, Josh, performs roll call.

2. Approval of Agenda

- Chair - The agenda was sent via email with all the pertinent documents hyperlinked. Are there any amendments that need to be made?
 - Motion: Be it resolved that the agenda for February 5, 2023 be approved.
 - Mover: Chair assumed
 - Seconder: Kordell
 - Notes: No discussion
 - The vote was taken using unanimous consent. Motion carries.

3. Chair's Remarks

3.1. Territorial Acknowledgement

- Chair - I just want to acknowledge that UNB stands on the unsundered and unceded ancestral homelands of the Wolastoqey peoples.

3.2. General Remarks

- Chair - I have very few remarks for tonight. Thank you to those who have reached out to book their councilor check-in, anyone who hasn't please do as soon as possible. Isabella and I try to get them done at the beginning of the semester. Also, I have a change I want to make about a remark from last week's meeting. We wanted the UNBSU radio show to air for the first time last Thursday, but it is now being pushed to this Thursday. We have more training to do on Wednesday and we will also be looking for volunteers for the future.

4. Approval of Previous Minutes

- Chair - The previous minutes were hyperlinked in the agenda that was sent out. Are there any questions about the previous minutes?
 - Motion: Be it resolved that the minutes from the previous council meeting are approved.
 - Mover: Chair assumed
 - Seconder: Kartik
 - Notes: No discussion
 - The vote was taken using unanimous consent. Motion carries.

5. Substantive Business

5.1. Update from Policy Committee (2nd Reading)

- Kordell - Hi folks, I just want to follow up from last week's presentation about the potential changes to the bylaws. This week is really just to do our due diligence. We are required to do two readings before we can ratify the changes. I won't go into the amendments fully since I went over them in last week's council meeting. If anyone has any questions about the proposed changes, please let me know.
- Chair - Are there any questions for Kordell or for the Policy Committee?

- Motion: Be it resolved that Council approves the recommended changes to Bylaws 1-3 be adopted as presented by the Policy Committee.
- Mover: Kordell
- Secunder: Jordan
- Notes: No discussion
- The vote passes. Motion carries.

5.2. Appointment of Jorja Smith to the position of Forestry and Environmental Management Councilor

- Kordell - Now that we have the framework to appoint interim councilors, I am recommending the reappointment of Jorja for the position of the Forestry and Environmental Management Councilor. I don't think I need to recap why we are appointing her.
- Chair - Are there any questions?
 - Motion: Be it resolved that Jorja Smith be appointed to the position of Forestry and Environmental Management Councilor.
 - Mover: Chair assumed
 - Secunder: Zach
 - Notes: No discussion
 - The vote passes. Motion carries.

5.3. Pre-Budget Submission to the Provincial Government

- Rose - All of the policies in the document were previously approved by Council. It expands on the budgetary asks to the government. This document was created through conversations with students which and all of the recommendations are ahead of the student budget, so you will see a bit more than what was included in the advocacy document. We believe that this should be on the table when creating the new budget.
- Chair - Does anyone have any questions?

5.4. Update on the Joint Nominating Committee for the Office of the President

- Ryan - I will be meeting with the Senate Nominating Committee tomorrow and appointing a student to that committee. Everything worked itself out in the end.
- Chair - Are there any questions?

5.5. Discussion on UNB Senate and Joint Senate/Board of Governor Committees

- Ryan - We have a lot of vacancies on some of the senate committees. I will be meeting with the nominating committee to assign people if anyone would like to join a committee. I will read off the list of vacancies and if anyone is interested in filling a position please reach out after council and I can give you some more information. If you decide to sit on these committees, then you can give up your spot on the Student Union committees. There is one vacancy

on the Academic Planning Committee, one alternate position in the Academic Policy and Procedure Committee, one vacancy on the Curriculum Committee, two vacancies on the Nominating Committee, one vacancy and one alternate position on the Student Series Committee, five vacancies in the SS&P Committee, one alternate position on the Technology and Service Committee, one alternate position on the Undergrad Scholarships Committee, two vacancies and two alternate positions on the BookStore Committee, two vacancies on the Senate Residence Committee, one alternate position on the Academic Program and Review Committee, and one vacancy on the Senate Review Committee. There are a lot of things that I just listed off. If anything even slightly piqued your interest please let me know.

- Chair - I typed out a list of the vacancies in the chat on the online call so that those attending virtually may review it. Are there any questions?
- Emily - Is this something that faculty councilors can share with students?
- Ryan - Yes, you do not have to be a student senator to sit on these committees.
- Chair - Any other questions?

5.6. Approval of Updated UNBSU Committee Membership List

- Chair - I will go over this briefly. There are only a few changes based on resignations that we have had. Since Kiana resigned, we removed her off of the committee list and because of her position, the Student Union can have ordinary members on these committees. The second change was caused by the resignation of Rayleh. The same thing has occurred where she was part of the committee as a councilor, but since she resigned she cannot hold those seats. In the future, if anyone plans on joining a senate committee and dropping another committee, we will figure that out when the time comes.
 - Motion: Be it resolved that the UNBSU Committee Membership list be approved as presented.
 - Mover: Chair assumed
 - Secunder: Sean
 - Notes: No discussion
 - The vote passes. Motion carries.

5.7. UNBSU General Election Update

- Drashtant - The nomination period is currently open and closes this Friday at noon. There is a mandatory meeting once the nomination period closes, which will take place in SUB Room 103 at 4:00 PM, and the campaigning period begins right after that. The voting period begins February 27 at 12:00 AM and closes on March 5 at 11:59 PM. Students can vote online through UNB Intranet. If anyone is running for the same position they are in please see me after council.
- Chair - Are there any questions?

5.8. Faculty Councilor Updates

- Warren - I have no update.
- Emily - I have no update.
- Keri - I have no update.
- Molly - There is one thing I wanted to mention which other faculties could potentially do in the future. We had a meeting for leaders within the kinesiology faculty where Kinesiology student ambassadors and leaders came together. Amy, who is a peer mentor, had a great idea about having these leaders come together to help students in their first or second year of university decide which courses to take or classes they need to take based on what they plan on doing after they graduate.
- Chair - Does anyone have any questions?
- Ally - I just got in contact with the assistant dean for the Faculty of Science. We have been emailing back and forth, discussing and thinking of ways that we can collaborate in the future.
- Chair - Are there any questions?
- Chair - I have the update from Sarah. She sent her regrets for tonight's meeting, but has asked me to read her update. I sat in a meeting with the EUS President to schedule upcoming events and discuss upcoming conferences. The Engineering Society had its Town Hall meeting for student feedback with open discussion. I sat in on a focus group discussion with the Engineering Program Coordinator which was aimed at first year engineering student experience at UNB. The head hall has its own MLC now providing extra drop-in sessions. They are available on Tuesdays from 3 to 9 PM in D110 in the Gillin Wing and on Wednesdays from 6 to 9 PM in C11. The sessions are open to all students on campus taking math courses so spread the word around your faculties so everyone can make use of the resource. Are there any questions?
- Jorja - I have a meeting with a society president to discuss an upcoming event and see how I can play a role in that. It was also brought forward by a lot of fourth year students about the change in the name of their program and how it is kind of upsetting. Their new program name is now called a Bachelor of Science in Environmental Management and they feel that this is not representative of what they have been taking. No one was even told they were changing the name, it just seemed to happen and the students slowly found out. I thought I would bring it up to see if there is anything we can do.
- Kordell - I vaguely remember this change being presented by the Academic Planning Committee so I can go back and take a look at the minutes from that meeting, But I can certainly touch base with the Dean and member of administration to better understand why the decision was made and if there is any way to have the change not impact the students who were pursuing the area under the original title. I am happy to follow up with you when I get more information.

- Chair - Does anyone have any questions? Sean does have an update, but he is attending virtually so he will type it in the chat. I will assume a motion to present the update on his behalf.
 - Motion: Be it resolved that Council Chairperson present the update provided by Sean Briggs once said update has been sent.
 - Mover: Chair assumed
 - Secunder: Jorja
 - Notes: No discussion
 - The vote was taken using unanimous consent. Motion carries.
- Chair - I will now present Sean's update. After a plethora of issues with Squarespace, I'm excited to announce my website is finally live and working properly. Alongside this, I've made plenty of updates based on requests from previous users, primarily making the website easier to navigate among other things. A couple of weeks ago, I joined the BAUS 5 days committee, which is their charitable project for the year which raises money and awareness for those with home insecurity. I am in an ongoing conversation with Miriam White and Sarah Rothman in order to improve exam season accommodations as well as tutoring. I should have more developments regarding this during my next update.

- Bradley - I have no update.

5.9. Student Senator/Board of Governors Update (Optional)

- No updates.

6. Reports to Council

6.1. Vice President - Events and Services

- Attended my regular meeting with Jigme, the SafeRide Coordinator.
- Met with Molly and Nick to finalize details about the Winter Carnival Concert.
- Had meetings about the event and AUS. Tomorrow tickets go on sale. It is a really fun event to cheer on our basketball team. Keep an eye on the post tomorrow and if you could reshare it even if it isn't something you are planning on attending
- Met with Nick on the day of the event to do a walk-through.
- Set up the cab transportation for the Reklaws, including doing some driving myself.
 - Amanda - I want to acknowledge Molly and what a great job she did at the event, it was huge for those who were able to attend.
 - Keri - I have seen a lot of good reviews, even some from non-UNB students who went so it is interesting to see that there was a good reach for this event.
 - Amanda - Thank you. I know Molly and I appreciate the feedback and were glad to open the event up to the public.
 - Chair - It was a really great event and it was clear to see that you guys worked really hard on it.

6.2. Vice President - Research and Policy

- Created our 2023 pre-budget submission.
- Took part in a Policy Meeting with Trevor from CASA.
- Took part in an executive meeting.
- Took part in our CASA EDI consultation.
- Took part in CASA policy updates to guide members in the right direction.
- Began planning out the pizza and policy event.
- Continued working on the policy work that CASA is doing ahead of our conference in March.
- Took part in a meeting with the executive director of CASA to discuss international student advocacy within the provincial and federal level.
- Continued spreading the word regarding MLA Monday and MP Tuesday.

6.3. Vice President - Communication

- Created an office hours page on the site with graphics for all office hours of executives, DCE, Chair and CRO office hours and coded an appointment booker.
- Designed and ordered 2 new SU banners to replace broken ones and a Townhouse one.
- Finalized and posted Black History Month posts and stories and successfully arranged posters for the SUB from the Arts Center.
- Designed initial AUS basketball weekend post.
- Updated MLA Monday and MP Tuesday advertisements.
- Aided in the design of a post for the Townhouse Instagram.
- Touched base with graphic designer surrounding radio show logo and Sex Week events (briefly met with Ryan and Josh surrounding logos).
- Met with the videographer surrounding the upcoming events and projects in the works.
- Took 2 headshots.
- Attended the executive meeting.
- Created posters for Rail Jam and Apres SKi (and then updated with new adjustments).
- Made an update post with the new date and more information on Apres Ski and participation.
- Attended the Reklaws concert and took photos.
- Designed 10 informational posters for SUB bathrooms and coordinated with CSASA to have them approved.
- Created Sex Week schedule TV advertisement.
- Sent out a volunteer request email for Sex Week.
- Posted and adjusted elections posts.
- Updated elections section of the website with the nomination forms and call for election.

6.4. Vice President - Academic

- Attended a radio show meeting.
- Attended the radio show training.
- Helped design the radio show logo.
- Prepared the Senate Committee list.
- Prepared for the Nominating Committee meeting.
- Volunteered with MHA.
- Continued working on the Book Buy and Sell.
- Answered general emails.
- Attended the SEM OAC meeting.
- Attended the executive meeting.

6.5. Vice President - Finance & Operations

*Update will be presented at the following council session.

6.6. Vice President - Student Wellness

- Had a meeting with Kartik to discuss cultural week and the Global Gala.
- Had a meeting with Tiffany to discuss the Wellness Fair and how the Student Union can be a part of this event.
- Sent Annie the Sex Week schedule.
- Bought sex toys and airpods for the prizes.
- Met with Brent about a student services group who wants to partner with UNB.
- Sent that information to Ryan.
- Found someone to fill the role of Wellness Coordinator for the remainder of the year.
- Met with Hilary from Aids NB to discuss how they can be a part of Sex Week.
- Booked spaces for the Sex Week events.
- Confirmed the Sex Toy Bingo event with Venus Envy.

6.7. President

- Met with Rose to discuss the pre-budget submission.
- Met with Richelle to discuss IB/AP points for scholarships.
- Attended a meeting with Connor from Ski and Board.
- Worked on the agenda for the National Advocacy Committee and then had a National Advocacy Committee meeting.
- Attended the Fredericton Affordable Housing Committee meeting.
- Had a lengthy chat with a student who is exploring running for President.
- Prepared for the Fredericton Budget Advisory Committee and then attended the meeting.
- Attended the Student Undergraduate Scholarship Committee meeting.
- Met with Doug, Mark, and Erin from CHSR with Becky to chat about the renovations and the next steps for that space.
- Attended the final Food Services contract meeting.
- Had a check-in with Mackenzy from CASA and Rose regarding some potential advocacy overlap.

- Had a meeting with Brittany, the new Nuci Putawasuwini, regarding onboarding, the work of the Indigenous Student Council, and how we can support moving them forward.
- Worked on some policy amendments to bring forward to the Policy Committee.
- Met with Miriam to talk about orientation hiring.
- Prepared for some upcoming meetings.
- Other odds and ends - meeting with students, answering emails, etc.

7. Announcements

7.1. City of Fredericton Council Committees

- Chair - The City of Fredericton under the Sustainability Manager reached out about putting some feelers out to see if students would be interested in joining some committees that they are forming. There are two committees that they are making. One has an age restriction. They are forming a Youth Council and are only taking applicants up to the age of 20, so if you are in first year then you are eligible. They want to be able to get feedback and opinions from youth on decisions that are being made. The second committee is more active and is more new of a concept. They are making a Sustainability Advocacy Committee, who will provide feedback on every decision that needs to be made by a new business, such as housing, zoning, and other things of that nature. Projects by the city or province will be submitted to the main council who will review the proposal. Once they are done, it will then be submitted to the sustainability council for review of the entire plan. Each plan has to include a sustainability plan and must meet the requirements that are set by the committee. Once it has been reviewed, the sustainability will send it back to the main council to be finalized. This is being coordinated by Ben Griffin who is a professor here at UNB and is the Sustainability Manager for the city. If anyone is interested, reach out to me and I can put you into contact with Ben. Does anyone have any questions?

7.2. Council Session - February 12th, 2023

- Chair - Based on quorum concerns for next week's council meeting, a survey was sent out to poll what time works best for everyone. Based on the majority of the votes, the next meeting is set for next Sunday at 5 PM in this room. If you know now that you are unable to attend, please send me an email and we can go from there. This is a special circumstance so we will not count the absence towards anyone. Are there any questions?

7.3. Other Announcements

- Rose - There is a joint dinner that is taking place between STU, UNB and CASA. It is probably going to be on Saturday, but the finalized dates and times will be sent out once they are confirmed. The location will probably be Rustico. It is not mandatory, it is just an opportunity to learn more about CASA. You will

have to pay for your meal. If anyone is interested in attending, please let me know, but we do not have a finalized date as of now.

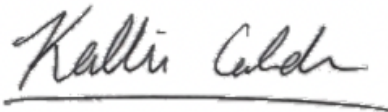
- Kordell - The idea is to provide a joint opportunity for STU and the Student Union to have a chance to see what other student unions are doing, so it is a chance to engage with them and meet them as well.
- Chair - Are there any questions? Does anyone have any other announcements?


8. Other Business

- No other business.

9. Adjournment

- Motion: Be it resolved that the UNBSU Council Meeting for February 5th, 2023 be adjourned at 7:55 PM AST.
- Mover: Chair assumed
- Secunder: Ryan
- Notes: No discussion
- The vote was taken using unanimous consent. Motion carries.


Secretary


President